

Tuolumne County Commission on Aging
Minutes Monday, September 14, 2020, 1:30pm
Meeting held on-line via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Commission Chair Rex Whisnand.
2. **Introductions:** Introductions were made. **Commissioners Present:** Melody Brotby (LOA), Malcolm Carden, Kristi Conforti, Diana Davidson-Ishmael, John Featherstone, Ted Michaud, Cathie Peacock, Syd Robenseifner, Matthew Rose and Rex Whisnand. **Absent:** Charlette Frazier, Torie Carlson (LOA), Sally Dios
BOS/County Staff Representatives: John Gray, Supervisor, District 4, Jason Terry, Senior Analyst, Tuolumne County
Guests: Patti Beaulieu, Groveland, Catherine Driver, Adventist Home Health Jim Grinnell, Kathleen Haff, Supervisor-Elect, District 4, Denise Jervis, Groveland, Linelle Marshall, Kristin Milhoff, Executive Director, Area 12 Agency on Aging, Bonnie Phillips, Groveland Michele Roberts, Groveland, Bob Swann, Sharon Volponi, Groveland
3. **Public Comments:** It was agreed the Groveland guests will speak during ample time devoted to the meeting's speaker, Kathleen Haff.
4. **Minutes:** Consideration of minutes of the August 10, 2020 meeting. Minutes were approved.
5. **Chair's Report:** Rex spoke to the issue of membership and the fact that three applicants are in process toward approval by the BOS.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Cathie Peacock has assumed responsibility for future Treasurer needs. COA credit card assignment and distribution has been completed.
7. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Torie Carlson continues on leave. No new correspondence.
8. **BOS Report:** John Gray, Supervisor District 4 reported on the evacuation needs during the Moc fire. John highlighted the effective effort done by county staff and officials. Jason Terry, Senior Administrative Analyst added details of performance during the fire evacuation. He also reported on use of new funds for needs covered by the CARE Act. Application for pandemic related expenses are due by December 13. Office of Emergency Services continue to fund certain defensible space projects through to end of the application period March of 2022.
9. **Guest Speakers:** Kathleen Haff, Supervisor-Elect, District 4 began with an introduction of her background and her approach to governance. Kathleen also reported on recent evacuation performance and issues that worked so well. Everbridge continues to prove an important part of emergency notification. Southside, Area 12 and the Sheriff's department were essential elements to the area's evacuation. More work is needed identifying and managing medically fragile individuals. The COA will conduct further debriefing at the November meeting.

10. Committee Reports:

Transportation Committee – Co-chairs: Charlotte Frazier and Syd Robenselfner.

1. Report unmet needs in Senior Transportation to SSTAC and County.
2. Review a program of driver assistance to Seniors utilizing taxi and public transportation services.

Community Relations Committee – Co-chairs: Cathie Peacock and Kristi Conforti. Cathie reported on the new task force with special attention to seniors. Cathi and Kristi are working on various aspects of celebrating centenarian members of the county. In person group public events continue to be curtailed at the Senior Center.

3. Review viability of Senior Volunteer Event and Centenarian Luncheon.
4. Have a Commissioner attend monthly BOS meeting and speak on one Senior topic during Public Comment or on Agenda.
5. Attend Senior community meetings & events and publicize COA. Report back to COA as part of regular Agenda item.
6. Form alliances with the newspaper and other media outlets to promote Senior activities and issues.

Legislative Committee – Chairperson: Rex Whisnand. He also commented on the changing nature of activities of the Senior legislature given the impact of the virus. Zoom meetings have changed the way the SL does legislative outreach.

7. Continue to monitor State and Federal Legislation as it impacts Seniors, and report to B.O.S. as needed.
8. Report periodically on the status of Senior Legislature proposals, and highlight items which will directly impact the County.

Governance Committee – Chairperson; Ted Michaud. Three applicants for the commission are being considered for eventual BOS approval.

9. Continue to recruit new members to fill openings and maintain a “bench strength”. Include candidates from other organizations and disadvantaged communities as appropriate.
10. Develop succession process for the coming year.
11. Review introductory package and distribute to potential candidates.

Education Committee – Co-chairs: Malcolm Carden and Ted Michaud. Malcolm reported no meeting this last month. We continue to schedule speakers to inform the commission on relevant senior issues. Insurance issues in the county will be covered in October.

12. Review information from applicable organizations and agencies on Senior homelessness, and report concerns to B.O.S.
13. Investigate impact of Homeowners Insurance situation on Senior homeowners and renters.
14. Review current County plans for emergency evacuation of Seniors and make recommendations as appropriate.
15. Assist/support A12AA with needs assessment projects and current area plan.
16. Develop list of relevant speaker for March – November meeting.

Senior Expo Task Force – Task Force Coordinator: None needed due to cancellation of this year's event. A coordinator is needed for next year's event.

Joint Executive/Finance Committee – Chair: Rex Whisnand reported on the zoom Meeting held September 7.

11. Unfinished Business: The Senior Expo will not be held due to COVID-19. Plans will be made for hosting next year. A search for a coordinator has begun!

12. New Business: None

13. Public Comment: None

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 pm.

NEXT COA MEETING:
October 12, 2020, 1:30 PM
Location: To be announced via Zoom

COA Executive Committee Meeting:
October 5, 2020, 2:00 PM
Location: To be announced via Zoom